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on the Blaufarden P 1. A previous report was submitted. It was said to be a mation: converted and enlarged washing plant put into operation in the middle of 1948. The ore dressing resulting in a higher concentration of the crude ore consists of washing the ore, which is first sorted by hand and then broken and orushed in breaking- and ball mills. The degree of concentration obtained in this procedure is unknown.

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- 2. A capacity of 20 tons of ores produced in an eight hour working schedule was reported for July 1948, when the enlargement of the plant was not yet completed (The number of shaking sifters is evidently between 72 and 120.
- 3. There are also various signs of chemical ore purification in object 99, but they are mostly based only on hearsay statements. A chemical purification process could possibly be inferred from information in another report. . Sulphur dioxide escaping during ore reasting could be respansible for the acrid smell, though it may hardly be assumed that under normal circumstances poistnous Jasses would freely escape and endanger the surroundings. These indications will have to be confirmed in possible later reports.
- 4. No confirmation of further processing of concentrates in A source ..., in another report , contests these ship-25X1X ments from OBLASCHLEMA to RIESA.
 - 5. In the "List of the plants of the main administration" metallurgy" existing on 1 September 1948" issued by the Commercial Department of the Main Administration "metallurgy" of the German Economic Commission the VVB ("Vereinigung volkseigener Betriebe" - association of nationalized plants) and the attached VEB ("Wolkseigene' Betriebe" Nationalized clants) are recorded with the new plant designation and

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the work force strength in addition to the provious plant designation. Among the nine plants of the VVB für Buntmetalle the "baxon fromworks and "Blaufarben" Plant in FABIBLAG/Sechsen" is indicated as 25th plant with the following subsidiary plants:

Jurrent Number	rravious Flant Designation	New Plant Jork Fo	orce
26	Saxon Ironworks and "Blaufarben" Plant in PASIBSAG/SAXOMY		
	"Laldenhuetten"Plant	Nationalized"Luldenhuetten" Irondorks	62
	"Halsbruecke" Flant	nationalized"halsbruecke" fromworks	538
	"Obersomlema"Plant	Mationalized"Obersonlema" fronworks	206
	"Aue" Plant	Nationalized "Aue" Ironworks	210

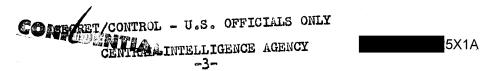
- for this list the OBLECHELA "Blauferben" Plant is referred to as a nationalized plant and not as part of the Soviet Alsmuth Corporation. This may confirm press reports which stated that the plants of the Wismuth Corporation were nationalized. This would also correspond to the Soviet habit or returning to the Jormans Coviet Corporation Plants with a passive palance. The output is then requested as reparation demand.
- 7. This also applies to the "Himmelfahrt-rundgrube" Mine in Falload/baxony, which had been transferred to the Mismuth Corporation in July 1948 (see another report %. This mine, which was assigned to Object 15 of the Mismuth Corporation, is listed in the above-mentioned table as "Mationalized Minnelfahrt-fundgrube Falload" of the VVB "für Buntmetalle".
- 3. The following data on the "Saxon Ironworks and Blaufarben-Flant in Fastblad" is in the list of the "Chemical Industries of the German Reich, 1937-1938":

Installations: 1. Luiden fromworks

- 2. Helsbroecke ironworks
- 3. OBLECOMINA Claufarben-Flant: cobalt, nickel-metal, oxides, salts and dyes, cuprous oxide, (inc AUB Flant was not yet listed)

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Jorkmen	1,211	1,344	1,404	1,472	1,584	
recanical porsonnel	52	69	68	71	AI	,
dollercial personnel	35	89	94	96	105	
	1,348	1,502	1,566	1,639	1, 760	

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- 9. In the above list of the VLB (hationalized rlants) the total work force of the four from orks of the former enterprise "Saxon from orks and claufarben-rlant fallbadd" is listed at 1,012 on 1 September 1943. These figures also include the work force of the AJA rlant.
- 10. It can be inferred from above statements the the nationalized Ada Ironworks is Object 100 of the Alsmuth Corporation and the nationalized OBARSALDAN Ironworks Object 99. The mork forces numbering 210 and 206 respectively, indicate the sizes of both plants in the fall of 1948.

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